

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 7, 2006 has been received and considered. In this response, claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 8-13 have been added. Support for the amendments and added claims may be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Obviousness Rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 5-7

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berenguel et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6,389,509 B1) in view of Fallon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,457 B2). This rejection is hereby respectfully traversed with amendment. Applicant submits that there is no motivation to combine the cited references, and that the references teach away from their combination.

Further, claim 1 as amended recites a control module, in response to a shutdown event of a solid state disk system, copying data from the memory module to the non-volatile storage media. None of the cited references disclose or suggest copying data from a memory module to non-volatile storage media, and therefore necessarily fail to disclose a control module, in response to a shutdown event of a solid state disk system, copying data from the memory module to the non-volatile storage media. Accordingly, the cited references, individually and in combination, do not disclose or suggest each and every element of claim 1.

Claim 5 recites copying data from a memory module to a non-volatile storage media in response to a shutdown event. As explained above, none of the cited references disclose or suggest these elements. Accordingly, the cited references, individually and in combination, do not disclose or suggest each and every element of claim 5.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Claims 6-7 depend from claim 5. Accordingly, the cited references fail to disclose each and every element of claims 3, 6, and 7, at least by virtue of their respective dependence on claims 1 and 5. In addition, these claims recite additional novel elements.

Obviousness Rejection of Claims 2 and 4

At page 6 of the Office Action, claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berenguel et al. as applied to claims 1 and 3 above, and further in view of Yamagami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,630). This rejection is hereby respectfully traversed with amendment. Claims 2 and 4 depend from claim 1. As explained above, Berenguel fails to disclose each and every element of claim 1. Further, Yamagami fails to remedy the deficiency of Berenguel. Accordingly, Berenguel and Yamagami, individually and in combination, fail to disclose each and every element of claims 2 and 4, at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 1. In addition, these claims recite additional novel elements.

In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the obviousness rejection of the claims is improper at this time. Withdrawal of this rejection therefore and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

The Applicant believes no additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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